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Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site; Administrative Order on Consent for Remedial
Investigation and Feasibility Study; Docket No. CERCLA-10-2001-0240:
June 18 2008 Deadline for Initiating Dispute on Lamprey Assessment

Dear Messrs. Wyatt and McKenna:

This is to provide an interim response to your letter dated June 11, 2008 regarding EPA's directive to the Lower Willamette Group (LWG) to assess Pacific lamprey at the individual organism level. On May 28, 2008 EPA agreed to extend the LWG's deadline for dispute resolution regarding the directive until June 18, 2008 to allow an opportunity for the LWG to discuss and clarify the issue with EPA.

Your June 11, 2008 letter indicated that LWG would carry out the assessment and not invoke dispute resolution if EPA would confirm that Attachment A to the letter – Elements of "Individual Level" Lamprey Risk Assessment – accurately describes what is being required. The letter also noted that the LWG needed to receive EPA's written verification prior to the dispute deadline of June 18, 2008.

EPA is reviewing your June 11, 2008 letter and attachment. However, since we do not expect to provide a response until after the June 18, 2008 deadline, EPA is extending the dispute deadline to July 1, 2008.

Sincerely,

Chip Humphrey
Eric Blischke

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